

Pokagon State Park

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And Other Park Events!

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Potawatomi Inn Activities!

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.

Come take a ride on "The Lonidaw," a replica of a 1902 model electric boat built by Elco. Guests are taken on a 45-minute leisurely tour of the first and second basin of Lake James where they learn the history of the lake and Pokagon State Park. The boat launches several times daily (during the morning hours and late afternoons). Prices are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for children under 12. See Inn for details.



Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...

All Programs are Eastern Daylight Savings Time!

Catch this and all of your favorite State Park Interpretive Schedules at www.interpretiveservices.in.gov.

Monday July 7

- 10:00am **Wetland Wander** Gather at the Inn Lobby by the front desk. We'll then take off on a short walk down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve and investigate the wetlands surrounding Lake Lonidaw and those around the two bridges of Trail 3. We'll be back within an hour. DH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour**. It's our new program for kids and families. Stop by the Nature Center and learn how you can work towards a patch or pin. We meet one hour a day to get you started or help you as you are working along. No groups please. DH
- 3:00pm **Meet the Beetles!** No, it isn't the Fab Four from Liverpool, but rather the fab several thousands of hard-winged insects. We'll show 'n' tell a few at the NC Program area and maybe head out to discover some. DH

Tuesday July 8

- 9:00am **Bluebird Hills Hiking!** Put on your walking shoes for this one! We'll meet at the Spring Shelter, and hike towards Hell's Point, then branch off on to Trail 7 and circle around in our Bluebird Hills area. It's a good walk, so a water bottle or canteen may come in handy. Total distance is about 3 miles. Parking available above the shelter if you are driving from the Inn. AH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour**. See Monday, July 7 for details. AH
- 3:00pm **Tree ID Spree**. Come to the Nature Center Program Area for a short program on how to identify some common northeast Indiana trees. It's a great program for anyone doing leaf collections this coming fall. DH

Wednesday July 9

No Public Programs Today. Nature Center is open though, from 10am to 5pm.

Thursday July 10

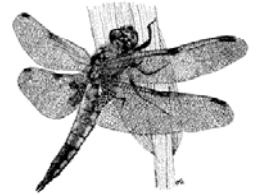
- 10:00am **Mayflies and Minnows** Join the park interpreter down at the Inn Beach where we'll search for mayfly larva in the shallows and seine for minnows for our wetland displays at the Nature Center. Shorts or swimsuits will be the dress for the day! If you're a critter catcher, this program is for you. AH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour**. See Monday, July 7 for details. AH
- 3:00pm **Snakes Alive!** Come to the Nature Center Program Area for a short "show 'n' tell" type session on one of our most interesting, but often misunderstood group of animals. DH

Friday July 11

- 10:30am **Down the Woodland Trail**. Gather out on the Nature Center Front Lawn from where we'll take off on a nice easy-does-it stroll into the nearby woodlands. We'll be out about an hour enjoying the cool habitat of the forest and searching for the life that occurs there. AH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour**. See Monday, July 7 for details. AH
- 3:00pm **The Masked Bandit**. You all know him, particularly if you are a long-time camper at Pokagon. Join us on the Nature Center Front Lawn for a short discussion on this furry, sometimes too friendly, resident of Pokagon. AH

Saturday July 12

- 10:30am **Woodchuck Watch**. Wondering what the Woodchuck family is up to this summer day?... Learn about this interesting diggin' rodent during a short talk at the Nature Center Program Area. We'll also take a short walk to check out the den of this mammal. Prepare for some tall grass walking. AH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour**. See Monday, July 7 for details. AH
- 3:00pm **Insect Safari!** Fly, swoop, or crawl over to the Nature Center Program Area for a special safari into our fields and forests. We'll be investigating the life of grasshoppers, crickets, butterflies, and beetles with the help of some magnifying glasses and nets. Join us! AH



Sunday July 13

- 8:00am **Early Morning Meander**. Get up and get some fresh air on this short jaunt up the road and back as we watch for deer and other critters moving about in the new day. Bring binoculars if you have some or borrow a pair of ours. Meet at the Potawatomi Inn Sun Deck. DH
- 9:45am **Informal Church Service at the Campground Amphitheater**.
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour**. See Monday, July 7 for details. DH

Monday July 14

- 10:00am **Damsels and Dragons! - a hike**. Discover these unique insects and the wetland world in which they live. Meet at the Inn Main Entrance and join us for about an hour walk down in the nearby wetlands. DH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour**. See Monday, July 7 for details. DH
- 3:00pm **Make No Bones About It!** This is the program for you if you like the idea of investigating animal skulls and how their adaptations benefit the animal from which they came. Join us at the Nature Center. DH

Tuesday July 15

- 10:30am **To The Inn and Back**. Gather at the Nature Center for a 1-½ hour general discovery hike. We'll do Trail 1, to the Inn, by the lake, and back along the toboggan track. DH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour**. See Monday, July 7 for details. DH

Wednesday July 16

- 10:30am **The Incredible Shrinking Nature Hike!** Gather at the Nature Center Program Area where YOU get to be the naturalist and design a hike on a very small scale! Will we get eaten by spiders or saved by an army of ants?! More great family fun! DH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour**. See Monday, July 7 for details. AH
- 3:00pm **Butterfly Ballet**. We won't be dancing in this program, but we will be discussing this group of insects which dance across our lawns and into our hearts each summer season. Join us at the Nature Center Program Area. AH



Thursday July 17

- 1030am **Mayflies and Minnows** Join the park interpreter down at the Inn Beach where we'll search for mayfly larva in the shallows and seine for minnows for our wetland displays at the Nature Center. Shorts or swimsuits will be the dress for the day! If you're a critter catcher, this program is for you. AH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour**. See Monday, July 7 for details. AH
- 3:00pm **Critter Feeding Time**. This afternoon, some of our resident turtles, frogs, and snakes will be getting their bi-weekly meal. Stop by the Nature Center Auditorium to watch some eat, and maybe even feed something yourself! AH

Friday July 18

- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour**. See Monday, July 7 for details
- 3:00pm **Leaf it Be!** A very simple craft involving paper, crayons, and ... leaves! Join us in the Nature Center Program Area for a look at how you can create a little art for hanging, note cards, placemats, etc... AH
- 9:30pm **Moth Attraction!** Come and go as you please at the Campground Amphitheater as resident lepidopterist Aaron hooks up his super mercury vapor light to bring in the night winged insects. Ever wonder what bugs swarm those street lights and why they are attracted? This program is for you. Aaron recommends sunglasses due to the closeness of the bright light. Sounds weird, but grab your shades (bug juice might be good, too!). AH

Saturday July 19

- 10:00am **Hell's Point Bound!** Visit the highest point in the park along with other natural features this 1 ½ hour hike. Meet the Interpreter at the historic Spring Shelter. Parking is available above the Shelter if you are walking from the Inn. AH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour**. See Monday, July 7 for details. DH
- 3:00pm **The Evil Green Menace!** Meet the naturalist in the Nature Center Auditorium for an interesting look at one evil bug and the threat it poses to our woods. Afterwards, we'll gather outside for some evil green games, courtesy of some big green balloons! Great family fun! DH



Sunday July 20

- 7:30am **Early Morning Meander**. See Sunday, July 13 for details. FW
- 9:45am **Informal Church Service at the Campground Amphitheater**.
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour**. See Monday, July 7 for details. DH

Nature Center Summer Season Hours: 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Daily

